

Urban Boundary for Wild Animals

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City is not all for human. In this photo, shot in the North Park, Chicago, the mother deer, along with her baby, looked back to the steel fence separating them from human realms. They have no other choice than staying in the park, which looks like paradise for them, but their habitat is actually an island surrounded by urban areas. During 2018 Fall semester, I did a research about boundaries between urban built areas and urban wild zones in Chicago, exploring landscaping strategies to mitigate the intense situation of animals across boundaries. Landscaping interfaces are introduced to replace the "hard boundaries" like fences by providing linear safe zones (much wider than boundaries) to test the potential of their coexistence with human. Maybe we could no more use fences as a way deliberately separate wild animals from human. Within interfaces, nature will tell you what should be the most appropriate mode for the coexistence of human and animals.